

## CT Supreme Court “On Circuit” Visit to UConn Law School Set for Oct. 30

The [Connecticut Supreme Court](#) will travel to the [University of Connecticut School of Law](#) on Wednesday, Oct. 30, to hear two cases, as part of the Court’s “On Circuit” program.



The program provides students, educators and the public with a greater understanding of the appellate process. Over the years, the Supreme Court has heard arguments at [several universities and colleges](#) throughout the state. Details of the visit are as follows:

- **When & where:** Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024, in the Reading Room, William F. Starr Hall, the UConn School of Law, 45 Elizabeth St., Hartford. The first argument will start at 10 a.m.; the second case is scheduled to start at 11:30 a.m. A 20-minute question-and-answer period with counsel from the case, students and faculty will follow each argument. Please allow enough time to clear security upon arrival; also, no backpacks or water bottles will be allowed inside the Reading Room.
- **Cases to be heard:**
  - The 10 a.m. case is [Kayla Suprynowicz et al. v. Narendra B. Tohan](#). The plaintiff brought an action against the defendant doctor, alleging, among other things, that the doctor used his own sperm in providing fertility services to her parents. At issue is whether the trial court properly struck plaintiffs’ claims as sounding in wrongful life; whether the trial court properly struck plaintiffs’ claims for not alleging “extraordinary damages”; and whether Connecticut law should recognize wrongful life claims. [Briefs](#).
  - The 11:30 a.m. case is [State of Connecticut v. Richard G. Dabate](#). This case received national attention as the “Fitbit Murder.” At issue is whether the prosecutor’s alleged failure to make required disclosures, objectionable cross-examination questions and inflammatory closing argument warrant reversal of the conviction; whether a police interview of the defendant at a hospital amounted to custodial interrogation; and whether evidence of the victim’s movements recorded by Fitbit was sufficiently reliable and accurate to be admitted. [Briefs](#).
- **Media:** The Connecticut Network (CT-N) will livestream both arguments; any media outlet seeking a video feed of the oral arguments can contact CT-N Director of Operations Dan Petrolito at 860-240-0365. A photographer from the UConn Law School will serve as the still camera pool; please contact Jeanne Leblanc at [law.communications@uconn.edu](mailto:law.communications@uconn.edu) for further information.
- **Quotes regarding the visit:**
  - *Chief Justice Raheem L. Mullins:* “My fellow justices and I are very much looking forward to visiting the UConn School of Law as part of the ‘On Circuit’

program. As always, the law school has extended its usual graciousness, and we appreciate the hard work of everyone involved. We are also excited that the students will have such a tremendous opportunity to watch actual appellate-level arguments in real-time. The event is a great way to learn, first-hand, about our system of justice.”

➤ *Dean Eboni S. Nelson:* It’s an honor and privilege to host the Connecticut Supreme Court at the UConn School of Law once again. The ‘On Circuit’ program gives our students and law school community an incomparable opportunity to observe the justices at work and learn from the accomplished lawyers arguing the cases. It’s a highlight of our academic year.”

- **Contact information:** External Affairs Division, Connecticut Judicial Branch, 860-757-2270.